

Approved as Amended 11/16/15
OPEN SPACE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
Minutes
Meeting Date October 14, 2015

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Shelley Dunbar Frances Hartogh Molly Davis Kevin Bracy Knight Tom Isaacson

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT

Jim Reeder Steve Armstead Mark Gershman Bethany Collins Deryn Wagner
Brian Anacker Don D'Amico Marianne Giolitto Kelly Wasserbach Cecil Fenio
Leah Case Alycia Alexander

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:02 p.m.

AGENDA ITEM 1 – Approval of the Minutes

Frances Hartogh said on page three, under Return to the Board, it should say, “Frances asked whether the vehicle acquisition program focuses on clean-burning/electric vehicles.”

Tom Isaacson moved the Open Space Board of Trustees to approve the minutes from Sept. 9, 2015 as amended. Kevin Bracy Knight seconded. This motion passed four to zero; Molly Davis was absent at the time of the motion.

AGENDA ITEM 2 – Public Participation for Items not on the Agenda

Eileen Monyok, Boulder, spoke in regard to the North Trail Study Area (TSA) process. She said she is in favor of sharing the trails equally, and if possible, merging aspects from different scenarios.

AGENDA ITEM 3 – Matters from Staff

Marianne Giolitto, Wetlands and Riparian Ecologist, gave an update to the Board on the Boulder Creek Master Plan.

Frances asked how many people attended the public meetings. Marianne said Urban Drainage sent out 500 letters, but attendance was lower than hoped. Molly asked if this was publicly noticed. Marianne said it was posted on the website in addition to the letter than was sent out to the neighbors. Shelley asked if this plan will come back to the Board at any point. Jim Reeder said yes, with possible approval for funding.

Brian Anacker, Science Officer, gave an update to the Board on his role within Open Space and Mountain Parks (OSMP) Department

Kevin Bracy Knight suggested making this data fully accessible. Brian said OSMP is on board with making data available, but still working on what can and cannot be posted. He said he will also be listed as a contact on the website which will make getting information easier. Molly Davis asked what information can be taken from transects. Brian said there is a lot of environmental data that can be extracted, as well as the distance to closest trails and the disturbance history.

Steve Armstead, Environmental Planner, gave an update to the Board on the North Trail Study Area (TSA).

Kevin asked if there will be any new materials provided at the next Open House. Steve said no new materials, however the survey results will be shared; these will be posted on the website in advance of the meeting. Shelley asked what the best way for people to give input is. Steve said the survey tool did not

allow for people to elaborate so he would suggest people participate in workshops or give feedback online. Shelley said when staff advises people about the comment period, it should be made clear why the timeframe is set as is. Frances said it would be helpful to understand how staff plans to manage a trail in a Habitat Conservation Area (HCA) with critical habitat, including data about the success or lack thereof of such management in other HCAs. She asked how Boulder County had been involved in the NTSA process, since county open space is affected, especially in the preparation of the resource inventories and scenarios, and suggested it would be helpful to have a representative from that department present at the study session.

Jim Reeder, Trails and Facilities Division Manager, gave an update on various staff projects.

Frances asked if a map of the prescribed burn information will be on the website. Jim said yes.

AGENDA ITEM 4 – Matters from the Board

None.

AGENDA ITEM 5 – Request for a recommendation to approve the purchase of approximately 24.59 acres of land with one house, associated outbuildings and appurtenant water and mineral rights at 4290 Eldorado Springs Dr. from the Brett D. Trigg Heritage Trust for \$1,600,000 for Open Space and Mountain Parks purposes. An additional expenditure of up to \$100,000 is being requested for immediate needs.

Bethany Collins, Property Agent, gave a presentation on a possible acquisition.

Frances asked if the public will be able to access this property. Bethany said short-term management will come out within a year, but the area in its entirety will be evaluated during the South TSA.

Public Comment

Doug Pagels, Boulder, said this is a special area and has belonged to a single family for all of its time. He is concerned that trail building might be inappropriate and disrupting. He asked that staff limit impacts to the neighbors, and give the parcel the strongest and highest protection status as possible.

Rich Reynolds, Boulder, said this is an extraordinary piece of land. There is a huge variety of wildlife. He is concerned about this being used for trails. He urged the Board that it not be cut, sliced and diced. That would result in a loss of values that are protected. Please try to keep the integrity of this property.

Return to the Board

Kevin said this area has a great view. Keeping the heritage of this place would be a great asset if possible. He asked staff when it comes time to think about management, please keep in mind requests from neighbors. Tom said he agrees this meets Open Space purposes. He said he cannot promise an outcome, but does not believe there will be a harsh opening. Shelley said she agrees with Tom; it would be ideal to have the land remain as agriculture land. Frances expressed her thanks to the Trigg Family for their willingness to work with Open Space. Molly suggested when Open Space purchases a piece of property having the owners or neighbors write down the history/story of their land so it can be saved and shared.

Motion

Frances Hartogh moved the Open Space Board of Trustees recommend that the Boulder City Council approve the purchase of approximately 24.59 acres of land with one house, associated outbuildings and appurtenant water and mineral rights at 4290 Eldorado Springs Dr. from the Brett D. Trigg Heritage Trust for \$1,600,000 for Open Space and Mountain Parks purposes, as well as an additional expenditure of up to \$100,000 for immediate needs. Molly Davis seconded. This motion passed unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT – The meeting adjourned at 8:16 p.m.

These minutes were prepared by Leah Case.

APPROVED BY:

Shelley Dunbar
Board Chair

DATE